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What a challenging year 2006 was for production of agriculture in Oklahoma. Minimal amounts of rainfall during critical points of the small grain season dried up the hopes for a normal production year.

Continued drought-like conditions coupled with abnormally high temperatures early in the summer depleted what little soil moisture was available to dryland row crop seedlings - particularly in the South-Southwest areas of the State.

Livestock and pasture conditions suffered equally as water levels in ponds and reservoirs quickly evaporated with the one-hundred plus degree temperatures. Hay supplies dwindled, and new crop hay production was scarce.



In spite of the adverse weather conditions, it is a pleasure to provide you the 2007 edition of Oklahoma Agricultural Statistics. This publication, which is also available on our web site, is published annually to meet the diverse need for a reliable reference book on State agricultural production, prices, farm income, and various other economic data.

This bulletin, however, could not provide timely and accurate data for the agricultural community in Oklahoma without the VOLUNTARY cooperation of the many farmers and ranchers, agribusinesses, and commodity groups across the State who cooperated with us. For that support and cooperation, I say "Thank you"!

In addition, I would like to especially recognize the office staff and the enumerators for their dedication in providing our State with high quality agricultural statistics, as well as the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry for providing essential resources to make this bulletin possible.

Please contact us any time with your questions, comments, and informational requests.

Sincerely,

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